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Fifty two years ago, on December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks refused to move from her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus. Her courageous stand against segregation was a monumental turning point in the Civil Rights Movement, encouraging others to stand up against racial inequality, bigotry and intolerance.

While great strides have been made since the Civil Rights Movement, many Americans still face discrimination and intolerance today. The number of hate crimes has risen nationally, as has black and Latino gang violence in Los Angeles. To appropriately honor Rosa Parks requires a rededication on the part of Los Angeles County residents to stay steadfast in confronting discrimination on the basis of race, gender or disability. A Rosa Parks Human Rights Day would answer Park's call for eternal vigilance against bigotry and intolerance in favor of human rights and social justice.

I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Hereby proclaim **December 1, 2007 as "Rosa Parks Human Rights Day"** and urge all citizens throughout Los Angeles County to honor and pay tribute to the spirit and memory of Rosa Parks, through a reaffirmed commitment to practicing tolerance and promoting diversity.

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